

**VILLAGE OF VALLEY VIEW  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

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**RECREATION BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 15, 2016

7:00 P.M. Meeting

- I. Roll Call
  - A. Todd Von Ville, Director of Recreation
  - B. Janet Flaherty, Assistant Director of Recreation
  - C. Rocco Casadonte, Recreation Board
  - D. Mike Foote, Recreation Board
  - E. Jeff Grabel, Recreation Board
  - F. Debbie Hartman, Recreation Board
  - G. Don Paulson, Recreation Board – ABSENT
  - H. Brad Borowy, Council Recreation Committee Chair – ABSENT
  - I. Tom Perk, Council Representative
  - J. Dave Wingenfeld, Council Representative – ABSENT
  - K. Jeff Gabor, Groundskeepers Foreman
  
- II. Service Department/Groundskeepers
  - Groundskeepers Foreman Jeff Gabor stated that the groundskeepers are performing their usual spring and summer responsibilities, and will soon have help from the hiring of seasonal workers. Gabor told the Board that there was an irrigation break at the soccer field that the groundskeepers repaired. He also indicated that the purchase of mulch for the playgrounds was approved by Council and the groundskeepers plan to get that in as soon as possible. Gabor also told the Board that seeding will be done in Valley View Woods, mostly in areas where elm trees were removed.
  - Board member Rocco Casadonte asked about the “No Pets on Athletic Fields” signs. The signs are in, but have not been posted yet. The Recreation Department and groundskeepers will coordinate the location and timing of the signs being posted.
  - Casadonte asked Gabor if the “main” goals at the soccer field were going to be painted soon. Gabor stated that he is considering moving the steel goals from the field and putting the Village’s aluminum goals in their place. The aluminum goals would require less maintenance, and would also make it easier to move the goals to mow the areas in which they sit.
  
- III. Project List
  - The Board is in the process of reviewing its project list in an effort to update and re-prioritize any upcoming improvement or maintenance projects. The Recreation Department needs members to submit their completed rankings as soon as possible.

- The Board is seeking updates on the following projects: approximate start date for the repair of the wall adjacent to the gazebo in Valley View Woods; approximate start date for concrete border at Lombardo Park playground; if ultimately approved, an approximate start date for asphalt work at Lombardo Park and Valley View Woods. Todd Sciano of Donald G. Bohning and Associates asked the contractor performing the work on the gazebo wall and Lombardo Park for schedules prior to the May and June Recreation Board meetings, but no schedule has been provided to date.
- The materials to implement test areas to curb erosion on the path in Valley View Woods have been determined. The first test area will be to the west of Winik Field, starting close to the open area adjacent to Pavilion C, and moving north down the hill towards the bridge.

#### IV. Lacrosse Goal in Valley View Woods

- The Recreation Department is looking into placing a lacrosse goal in Valley View Woods for residents to use to practice individually. The Board supports the idea, and suggests finding a location where netting exists behind the goal to stop errant shots. Board member Mike Foote also said to keep in mind that any area chosen will probably require a little more maintenance due to bare spots that will be worn into the grass, similar to the soccer goal mouths.

#### V. Information Update

- Recreation Fund Available Balance Update (as of June 9, 2016) from Clerk/Treasurer Carol Tomasko: \$ 203,306.34.
- Recreation League Baseball and Softball games began on May 23. Valley View has 10 Recreation League teams and several residents are also participating on travel teams this season.
- Registration and planning has begun for fall activities.

#### VI. Other Discussion

- The Board asks Mayor Piasecki if he would mind making contact with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health to request mosquito spraying in the Valley View parks in the near future. The Mayor made a similar request last year which helped to get the parks sprayed. The Board appreciated that effort and is hoping for the same response this season, especially in light of the reports regarding the Zika Virus. As a follow up, Mayor Piasecki did contact the County on June 16 and was awaiting a response at the time the meeting minutes were published.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 P.M. – Village Hall**